

Indiana Statewide Forest Assessment

Stakeholder Survey Results

May 15 - June 1, 2009

Indiana forest issue	Level of concern			Relative importance			Partnership	
	Survey response count	# Not concerned	# Very concerned	Rating average ⁽¹⁾	"First" most important	Selected as 1st, 2nd or 3rd most important	Rank by total top 3 selections	Interested in coordinated effort on issue
Fragmentation and/or conversion of forests to another land use (e.g. development, homes, agriculture)	1289	32	862	3.55	189	507	1	150
Conservation and maintenance of soil and water resources	1292	7	831	3.60	199	425	2	130
The spread and control of invasive species	1260	20	851	3.59	127	421	3	106
Conservation of biodiversity (including plant and wildlife habitat)	1294	15	745	3.49	150	364	4	149
Counterproductive government forest conservation related policies (including taxation, zoning, etc.)	1270	30	612	3.33	75	249	5	121
Availability of land for public recreation	1291	114	423	3.00	142	234	6	121
High cost of forest ownership and low incentives to retain	1288	49	550	3.24	49	226	7	119
Conservation of forests that protect drinking water supplies	1286	17	778	3.52	51	206	8	105
Overpopulation of white-tailed deer	1288	131	410	2.90	47	194	9	123
Inadequate public education about forests	1291	34	476	3.19	38	166	10	144
Sustaining Indiana's forest product industry	1286	84	472	3.07	49	160	11	117
Lack of active management on forests	1284	58	393	3.05	38	146	12	115
Sustainable regeneration of oak woodlands	1281	27	523	3.25	29	138	13	119
Inadequate youth education about forests	1293	32	538	3.27	18	94	14	104
Lack of healthy woodlands and trees in urban areas, including city parks, street and yard trees	1282	68	430	3.04	16	90	15	120
The control of forest fires (forest fire suppression)	1286	157	314	2.71	36	73	16	108
The loss of fire dependent plant communities and habitats (restoration of fire-adapted lands)	1275	75	311	2.87	13	67	17	108
Other	217	n/a	n/a	n/a	24	61	18	9
Forests not managed for carbon storage (carbon sequestration aspects not considered)	1258	182	232	2.64	6	45	19	107

(1) Rating average is the average response for the issue where a response of "not concerned" equals 1, "somewhat unconcerned" equals 2, "somewhat concerned" equals 3 and "very concerned" equals 4.